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Doubutsu no Oishasan

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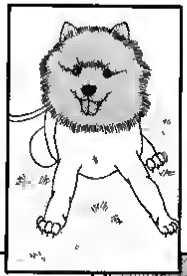
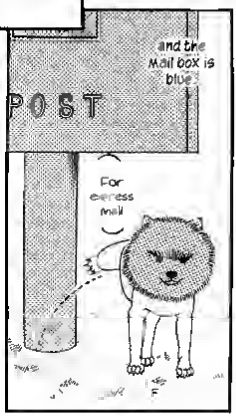
動物(どうぶつ)のお医者(いしゃ)さん

He feels like he has gone into outer space and landed on an unknown planet.

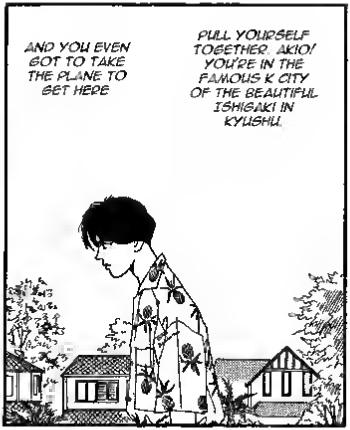
On this planet, the creatures only have hair on their head.



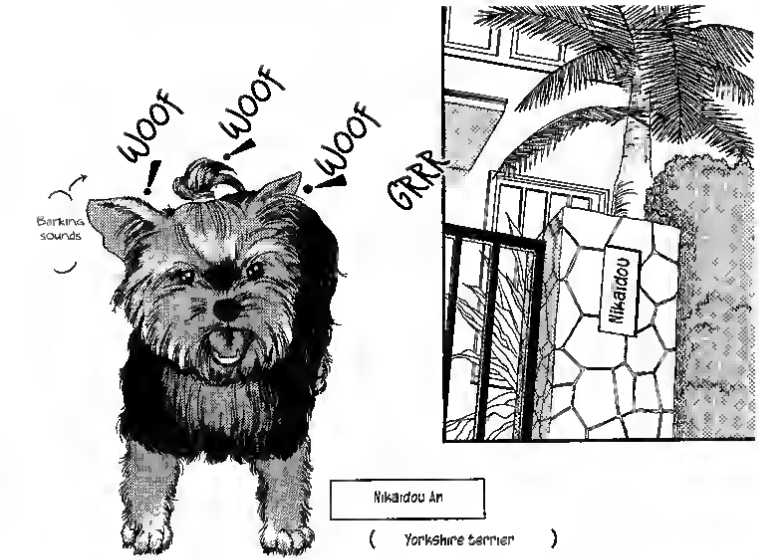


people speak in a language he does not understand.
Ya said ya wanted it so I brought you lots ta eat
You said you wanted it so I brought you a lot to eat

BUT THERE IS A WEIGHT ON MY SHOULDERS...AS IF A CHILD IS HANGING FROM MY ARMS

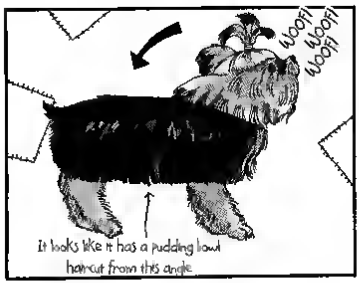

AND YOU EVEN GOT TO TAKE THE PLANE TO GET HERE
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, AKIO! YOU'RE IN THE FAMOUS K CITY OF THE BEAUTIFUL ISHIGAKI IN KYUSHU.

Hokkaidou and his family are in Kyushu to visit his paternal grandparents.
DEAR, I HEARD THAT DAD AND MUM KEEP A YORKSHIRE TERRIER. YOU HAVE TO LET ME CUDDLE IT!
UMU
KOKO
STOP PULLING ON MY ARMS!



Nikaidou An

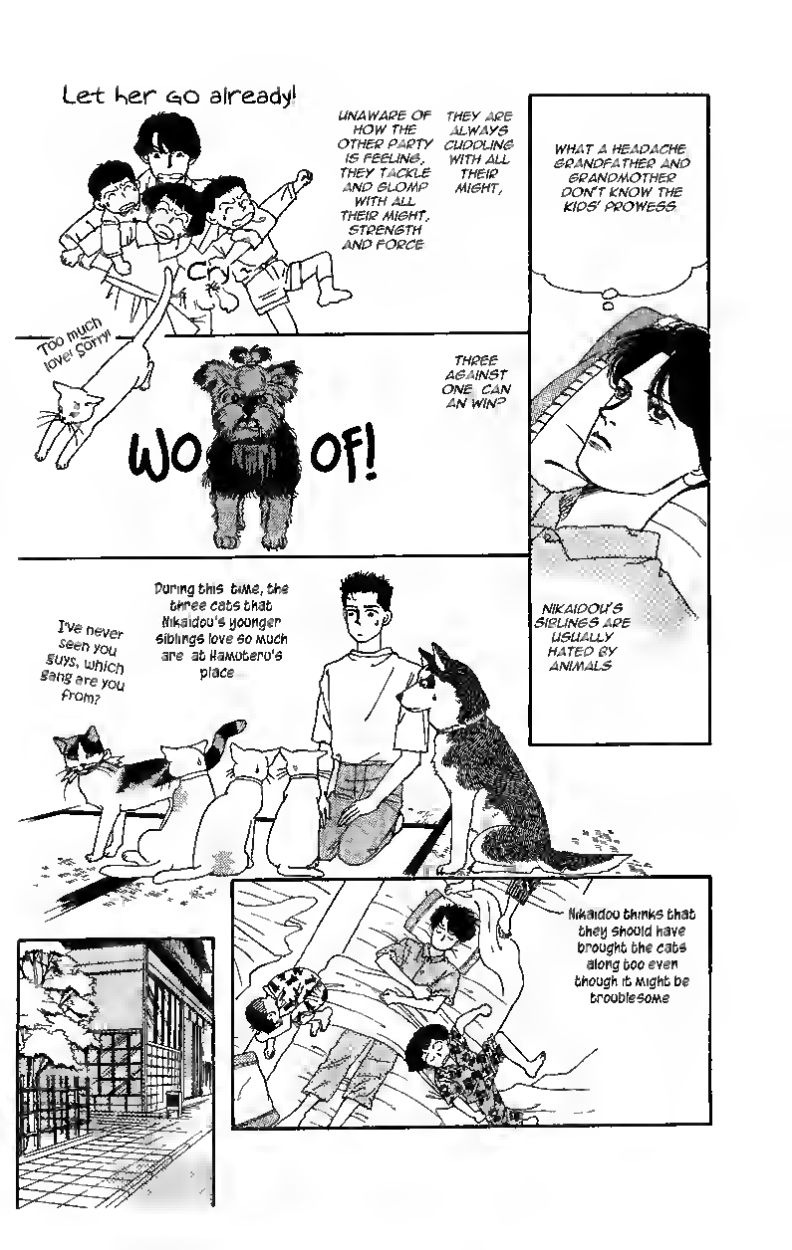
(Yorkshire Terrier)

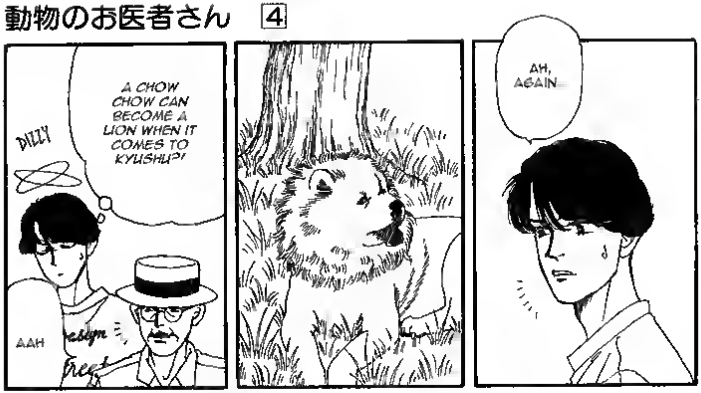


BUT SOMETHING FEELS STRANGE

...is what Nikaidou thought.

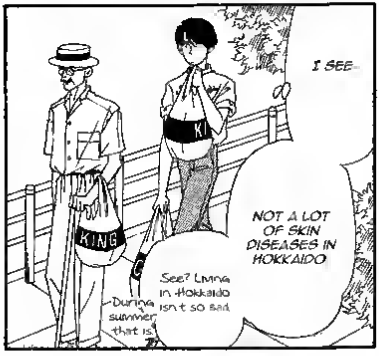
AN HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE GROOMER SINCE BIRTH
Nikaidou's grandparents
UMM... I SEE
SHE'S COOLER THIS WAY
Yorkshire terrier
YORKSHIRE TERRIER
Pudding Bowl
BOCCHANGARI
Prefer
OSU
I THINK THAT A DOG'S CHARACTER CAN CHANGE ACCORDING TO ITS GROOMING STYLE
Kyaa
Wah
WE LOVE AN DEARLY, BUT WE'RE OLD FOLKS IT'S NOT OFTEN AN GETS TO PLAY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IT'S ALRIGHT
TREAT IT AS AN EXPERI-ENCE
UHH
So furry
So Wah cute
BUT IF YOU DON'T STOP THOSE RASCALS, AN WILL BE CUDDLED TO DEATH


Let her go already!
UNAWARE OF HOW THE OTHER PARTY IS FEELING, THEY TACKLE AND GLOMP WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT, STRENGTH AND FORCE
THEY ARE ALWAYS CUDDLING WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT,
WHAT A HEADACHE GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER DON'T KNOW THE KIDS' PROWESS
Too much love! Sorry!
WOOF!
THREE AGAINST ONE. CAN AN WIN?
NIKAIDOU'S SIBLINGS ARE USUALLY HATED BY ANIMALS
During this time, the three cats that Nikaidou's younger siblings love so much are at Hamutaro's place
I've never seen you guys, which gang are you from?
Nikaidou thinks that they should have brought the cats along too even though it might be troublesome



ALTHOUGH IT IS PITIABLE, THIS IS THE MOST HUMID PART OF JAPAN, SO THE FUR ON ITS BODY HAS TO BE SHAVED OFF...
SO IT IS BECAUSE IT HAS A SKIN DISEASE?

Hokkaidou has cleared one of his doubts and feels much more relaxed, but he is still worried about his younger siblings and An



T/N A chow chow is a breed of dog developed in China. It is called songshi quan in Chinese which literally means puffy lion dog. (Ref. Wikipedia)

OR EVEN WITHIN THE TOILET'S RADIUS
PLEASE TRAIN HER PROPERLY!
NO, AN HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS SHE NEVER DOES HER BUSINESS IN THE BOX WE PROVIDED
IS AN REBELLING?
RUNNING
Wah let us touch ya
Nikaidou has yet to get used to the dialect, but his siblings, being kids, have already adapted to it
I'm really very happy
Both of Nikaidou's parents were born here...
Hey stop chasing her!
An don't run away!
RUNNING
Himaderu how are you?
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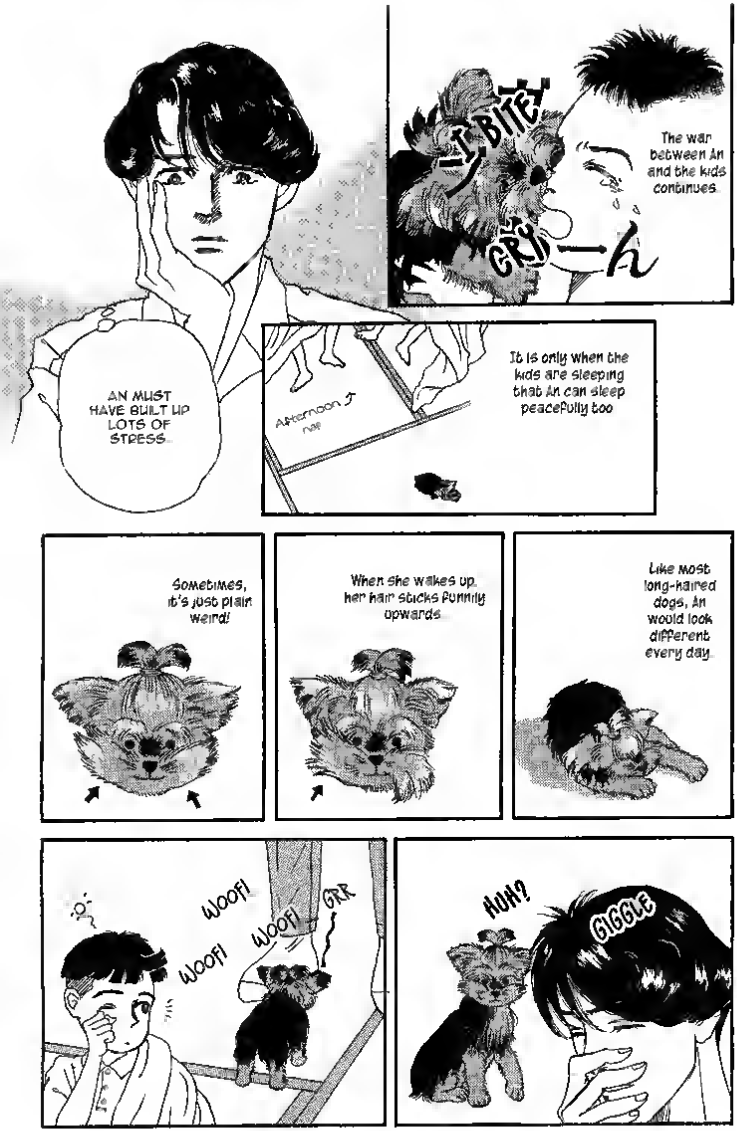
Nikaidou feels strangely lonely like he's the only outsider here


AN MUST HAVE BUILT UP LOTS OF STRESS.
BITE
CRY
The war between An and the kids continues.
Afternoon
nap
It is only when the kids are sleeping that An can sleep peacefully too
Sometimes, it's just plain weird!
When she wakes up, her hair sticks funnily upwards.
Like most long-haired dogs, An would look different every day.
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
GRR
HUH?
GIGGLE

SHOW SOME SELF-CONTROL!
RUNNING
Wah
An, let's play
AKIO DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE AMUSEMENT PARKS
OH IT DOES SEEM SO
THEN HE'LL JUST STAY AT HOME AND HELP TO CLEAN THE HOUSE
Anne's World, Prince Edward Island
IF THEY STAY AT HOME, SOON IT'LL BE TOO MUCH FOR AN I THINK I'LL TAKE THEM TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK
SILENCE IS NICE ONCE IN A WHILE, I HARDLY GET ANY PEACE OTHERWISE
VROOM VROOM
GRRR
.....

ARE YOU...TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE VACUUM CLEANER? YOU CAN'T WIN!
An hates vacuum cleaners
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
Ans footwork before attacking
WOOF!
WOOF!
...An reflexively urinates, making Nikaidou swear he will never do something like that again
When Nikaidou uses the vacuum's suction mouth to tease her,
WOOF!
PEE
EE
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THAT SCARED DON'T HIDE ANYMORE I WON'T DO IT AGAIN...
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The next day, Nikaidou notices that An's losing hair.
I KEEP CHASTISING THE KIDS BUT IN THE END, I'M THE ONE AN'S AFRAID OF THE MOST
THIS...
THE LOCAL SKIN DISEASE THAT'S ON THE RAGE?
IS IT BECAUSE OF STRESS?
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE VACUUM CLEANER, RIGHT?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO KEEP CUDDLING HER
IT WAS JUST YESTERDAY IT COULDN'T HAVE RESPONDED THAT FAST?
AH!
OR...

T/N: Dermatophytosis or ringworm is a clinical condition caused by fungal infection of the skin in humans, pets such as cats, and domesticated animals such as sheep and cattle. (Ref: Wikipedia)

Nikaidou
I
REMEMBER TO APPLY THE MEDICINE
AH, WHAT A CUTE CHIHUAHUA.
SO THERE ARE BLACK CHIHUAHUAS
GRRR
Woof!
Woof!
Woof!
Woof!
In the strange world of Kyushu, during summer, a chow chow becomes a lion and a Yorkshire terrier becomes a Chihuahua.

An, who has just returned from the hospital is now bald and has medicine applied on its body. Thus, everyone is wondering if they should touch it.
Although it's not very serious, it's not enough to shave off only the affected part. All the fur had to be shaved off to prevent the infection from spreading to An's face
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Traces of shaving
EH, SO AN IS ACTUALLY A CHIHUA-HUA
AN HAS BECOME A CHIHUA-HUA. HER EYES ARE BULGING OUT
THIS IS AN?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
I see. now you realize what I'm capable of.
You must be scared
GRRR
SMOOTH
Why is everyone acting so strangely all of a sudden?
SHINY

Wah, don't come over

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

.....

Nikaidou's younger siblings have lost to the animal in this war, which is a rare occurrence.

Okay for ya

I want it too

But his mind is still lost in space...

PLEASE USE A LANGUAGE THAT YOUR BROTHER CAN UNDERSTAND!

Nikaidou who embarked on another space voyage (referring to the airplane ride), has finally returned to the Hokkaido that he missed so much

They never learn!

I REALLY WANT TO SEE NISHIKORI, HIGASHIYAMA AND UEKUSA

↑ The names of the three cats